



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Project No. 2634-092]

Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Request for a temporary amendment of reservoir elevation and minimum required flow releases.
- b. Project No.: 2634-092.
- c. Dates Filed: July 14 and September 22, 2022.
- d. Applicant: Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC.
- e. Name of Project: Storage Project.
- f. Location: The project is located on the South and West branches of the Penobscot River and its tributaries in Somerset and Piscataquis counties, Maine.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Kevin Bernier, Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC, 1024 Central Street, Millinocket ME, 04462, (207) 951-5006.
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666, Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests **is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission**. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/doc-sfiling/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2634-092.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. **Description of Request:** The applicant requests a temporary amendment of its normal water level management and flow release requirements at the Ragged Lake development of its Storage Project. Rather than maintaining as high a water level as possible through July 15 and gradually drawing down the reservoir until winter, the applicant is maintaining Ragged Lake at an elevation of approximately 1,115.5 feet U.S. Geological Survey datum or 19.5 feet below the full pond elevation at the dam beginning on April 27, 2022. Furthermore, instead of drawing on reservoir storage to provide for elevated required flow releases through the summer and early autumn, the applicant is maintaining run-of-river operation, in which outflow is equal to inflow. The applicant states the temporary amendment is necessary to alleviate dam safety concerns and expects to continue the modified operation until the winter of 2022-2023.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the *Federal Register*, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. **Comments, Motions to Intervene, or Protests:** Anyone may submit comments, a motion to intervene, or a protest in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, motions to intervene, or protests must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:** Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", or "PROTEST" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number(s) of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons

listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: October 21, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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